

MEETING: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

I. CALL TO ORDER: September 21, 2000, at 7:03 p.m., in the Palm Beach County Governmental Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.

I.A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Chair Maude Ford Lee - Absent
Vice-Chair Warren H. Newell
Commissioner Burt Aaronson - Absent
Commissioner Mary McCarty
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus
Commissioner Carol A. Roberts
County Administrator Robert Weisman
County Attorney Denise Dytrych
Supervisor of Elections Theresa LePore
Deputy Clerk Donna S. Atwood

I.B. PRAYER - Commissioner Roberts

I.C. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

I.D. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

MOTION to receive and file Proofs of Publication Nos. 747316 and 747317. Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

III.A. PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MILLAGE OVER ROLLED-BACK RATE AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR INCREASE.

County Administrator Weisman read into the record the following statement:

In accordance with the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Bill, the Board of County Commissioners shall hold public hearings on the tentative budget and proposed millage rates. As stipulated in the TRIM Bill, the first substantive issue to be discussed shall be the percentage increase in the millage over the rolled-back rate necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purpose for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased. The attached is submitted in order to comply with this provision.

III.A.1. PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MILLAGE OVER ROLLED-BACK RATE.

County Administrator Weisman read into the record the Percentage Increase in Millage Over Rolled-Back Rate reflected on page 1.7.

III.A.2. SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR AD VALOREM TAX INCREASE.

County Administrator Weisman read into the record the Specific Purposes for Ad Valorem Tax Increase reflected on pages 3.1-3.2.

III.B. PUBLIC COMMENTS, DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS, MOTIONS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGES, MOTIONS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGETS.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bobbi Valentine expressed concern that funds from ad valorem taxes were not being spent on the transit and paratransit systems. Rick Troiano shared the same concern. Commissioner Roberts commented that state government should provide the county with matching funds in order to promote transportation for those with disabilities. Commissioner Masilotti remarked that the transit system was financed with gasoline taxes and that there was a 40 percent increase in dollars available for handicapped transportation in this year's budget. County Administrator Weisman added that the county had increased to \$9 million the amount provided to the transit system from ad valorem property taxes.

Bill Fulton criticized the county for giving the City of Atlantis a lower millage rate than the rest of the county, and also complained that since the county had taken over fire-rescue services for The Town of Lantana, over half of every tax dollar that had come into Lantana from new construction or increased assessed valuations of property had gone to the county for fire-rescue.

County Administrator Weisman explained that when the county took over fire-rescue services for Lantana, a provision of the agreement had been that the county would take over their existing service contracts, including the contract with Atlantis. He commented that the agreement had generated additional revenue and had not entailed additional costs to the county.

Joann Currier, representing Child Keyppers of Florida, Inc., asked the board to reconsider its request for funding. She stated that:

- ! Child Keyppers budget was \$18,900.
- ! The community service agency had no paid staff and used 189 volunteer teachers who had gone through a training program.
- ! The program had been funded through the Department of Community Services, but that grant had been lost this year.
- ! The organization had a pledge for matching funds from all Kiwanis Clubs in the county, but support from the county would be needed to qualify for those funds.

County Administrator Weisman suggested scheduling the discussion as a regular agenda item. The board agreed to consider it at the board meeting on October 17, 2000.

Grievances articulated by John Earley included alleged governmental waste and a 20 percent increase in the amount of taxpayer money spent over the past two years. He also expressed doubt that the commissioners had read the budget through. Commissioner Marcus responded that the commissioners had spent many months reading and working on the budget and had made their decisions in favor of legitimate expenses.

III.B. - CONTINUED

Allen Preston protested that the budget for Palm Tran and paratransit had not been increased enough. He also objected to the coming cutbacks and cost increases for the Palm Tran system.

John Parsons said that he had understood that the gas tax was supposed to pay for Palm Tran. Commissioner Roberts explained that Palm Tran would receive about \$4.8 million from the gas tax. She said that 21 percent of the gas tax would go to the cities, and of the remaining 79 percent, 50 percent would go for roads, and 50 percent would be split between Palm Tran and Tri-Rail.

Marge Herzog asked the board to consider purchasing property on Okeechobee Boulevard as part of a 10- to 20- year long-term sector plan. A sense of community would be created by clustering services, such as a Sheriff's substation and a local meeting place, on the land, she said. Commissioner Masilotti added that he had talked with the Parks and Recreation Department about it and had learned that the department owned land on Southern Boulevard that was designated for a community center for Loxahatchee. He suggested postponing the discussion to a later date when Dennis Eshleman, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, could be present.

III.B.1. COUNTYWIDE FUNDS - FUND BUDGETS.

III.B.2. COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FUNDS - FUND BUDGETS.

III.B.3. MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING DISTRICT FUNDS - FUND BUDGETS.

III.B.4. FIRE-RESCUE FUNDS - FUND BUDGETS.

III.B.5. MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS - FUND BUDGETS.

a. MSTU DISTRICT A.

b. MSTU DISTRICT B.

c. MSTU DISTRICT C.

d. MSTU DISTRICT D.

e. MSTU DISTRICT E.

f. MSTU DISTRICT F.

III.B.6. See page 6.

(CLERK'S NOTE: Item III.C. was considered at this time.)

III.C. MILLAGE AND BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.

MILLAGE RATE

RESOLUTION R-2000-1359

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2001 WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE COUNTYWIDE FUNDS. ADOPTED 9-21-2000.

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See pages 3.9-3.10). Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Marcus, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

III.C. - CONTINUED

FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2000-1360

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR COUNTYWIDE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,192,011,866. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See pages 4.1-4.4). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner McCarty, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION R-2000-1361

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2001 IN EXCESS OF THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FUNDS. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 4.5). Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Marcus, and carried 5-0. Commissioner Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2000-1362

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR THE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,667,116. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See pages 4.6-4.7). Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Marcus, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2000-1363

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,127,252. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 4.8). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION R-2000-1364

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2001 IN EXCESS OF THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE FIRE-RESCUE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 4.9). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2000-1365

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR THE FIRE-RESCUE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,956,880.
ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution (See pages 4.10-4.11). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

III.C. - CONTINUED

MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION R-2000-1366

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2001 BELOW THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE GLADES REGIONAL FIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 5.1). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2000-1367

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE GLADES REGIONAL FIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,241,630.
ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 5.2). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION R-2000-1368

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2001 LESS THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE JUPITER FIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 5.3). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioner Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2000-1369

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR THE JUPITER FIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,085,239.
ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION adopt the resolution. (See page 5.4). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2000-1370

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT DISTRICT A IN THE AMOUNT OF \$551,000. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 5.5). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-2000-1371

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT DISTRICT B IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,002,593. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 5.6). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

III.C. - CONTINUED

FINAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-2000-1372

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT DISTRICT C IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,096,074. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 6.1). Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-2000-1373

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT DISTRICT D IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,527,304. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 6.2). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-2000-1374

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT DISTRICT E IN THE AMOUNT OF \$547,375. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 6.3). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

FINAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-2000-1375

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001 FOR MUNICIPAL

SERVICE TAXING UNIT DISTRICT F IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,589,157.
ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 6.4). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

AGGREGATE MILLAGE

RESOLUTION R-2000-1376

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2001 IN EXCESS OF THE AGGREGATE ROLLED-BACK RATE. ADOPTED 9-21-2000

MOTION to adopt the resolution. (See page 6.5). Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 5-0. Commissioners Aaronson and Lee absent.

III.B.6. PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THE PERCENT, IF ANY, BY WHICH THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE EXCEEDS THE ROLLED-BACK RATE.

County Administrator Weisman read into the record the Percent Increase (Decrease) In Millage Over Rolled-Back Rate reflected on page 6.6.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Clerk

Chair